Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Swift County FY09 EQIP

١.	List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address.
	Water Quality
	Soil Erosion
	Wildlife
	Air Quality
2.	If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
	The Lower Mainstem of the Chippewa River Watershed
	Pomme de Terre Watershed
	Shakopee Creek Watershed
3.	From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.
	Applications addressing water quality by applying for the nutrient management practice incentive in the lower Mainstem of the Chippewa River Watershed, Pomme de Terre Watershed, or the Shakopee Creek Watershed
	Applications addressing wildlife in the 3 above mentioned watersheds or any ruminant prairie located in Swift County through a prescribed burn, or other practice that will control invasive species of wildlife plantings.
	Applications addressing air quality in the 3 above mentioned watersheds by installing a biofilter.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

All concerns- Will this practice be a NEW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR *CHANGE TO WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING *(Improvement to a current practice)? 20 pts

Water Quality-Will this application address water quality by installing sediment basins? 20 pts

Soil Erosion- Will this application reduce soil erosion by installation of a terrace, OR waterway? 10 pts

Wildlife-Will this application address wildlife concerns by restoring a wetland, OR performing a grassland planting OR installing a tree practice (field windbreak, shelterbelt, or riparian buffer) 7 pts

Air Quality-Will this application address air quality through the installation of a biofilter- 3 pts

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

(See points at the end of each question above, 60 Points total)

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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